IN THE CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a rod having an end portion and a hooked portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod; a support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides,
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a handle coupled to the end portion.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tab handle coupled to a middle portion of the rod.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a cylinder surrounding the rod, wherein the rod is slidable within the cylinder.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, further including a pistol handle coupled to the cylinder.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, further including a rod cover coupled to one end of the cylinder, wherein the rod cover is one of transparent and translucent.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, further including a spring coupled to the rod, the rod having a bent portion to keep the spring in place between the bent portion and one of the plurality of rod guides.

8. The apparatus of claim 5, further including a trigger coupled to the spring, wherein the trigger is adapted to compress the spring to move the rod.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, further including a trigger link coupled to the trigger and the rod.

10. The apparatus of claim 8, further including at least one gear coupled to a rack and the trigger, the trigger adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:

a switch coupled to a power supply, and

a motor coupled to the at least one gear,

wherein the motor is adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

12. The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising one of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-emitting device.

13. The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:

a housing, and

a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a plurality of beads,

wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the storage compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

15. The apparatus of claim 4, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

16. An apparatus comprising:

a rod having an end portion, a hooked portion and a circular portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod;

a hook support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides, and

a tab coupled to the rod, the tab adapted to rotate the rod through a bead stop,

wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

17. The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a handle coupled to the end portion.

18. The apparatus of claim 16, further including a pistol handle coupled to the hook support.

19. The apparatus of claim 16, further including a spring coupled to the rod, the rod having a bent portion to keep the spring in place between the bent portion and one of the plurality of rod guides.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, further including a trigger coupled to the spring, wherein the trigger is adapted to compress the spring to move the rod.

21. The apparatus of claim 19, further including a trigger link coupled to the trigger and the rod.

22. The apparatus of claim 19, further including at least one gear coupled to a rack and the trigger, the trigger adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

23. The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising:
a switch coupled to a power supply, and
a motor coupled to the at least one gear,
wherein the motor is adapted to rotate the at least one gear to move the rod.

24. The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising one of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-emitting device.

25. The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:
a housing, and
a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a plurality of beads,
wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable.

26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the storage compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

27. The apparatus of claim 16, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

28. An apparatus comprising:

a rod having an end portion and a hooked portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod, the rod slidably coupled to a cylinder;

a housing coupled to the cylinder, the housing including a plurality of rod guides and a plurality of axles,

a plurality of gears coupled to a trigger; and

a gear rack coupled to the cylinder

wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

29. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the housing includes a handle.

30. The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the handle is has a pistol grip.

31. The apparatus of claim 28, further including a spring coupled to the rod.

32. The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising:

a switch coupled to a power supply, and

a motor coupled to the plurality of gears,

wherein the motor is adapted to rotate the plurality of gears.

33. The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising one of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-emitting device.

34. The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising:

a housing, and

a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a plurality of beads,

wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable.

35. The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the storage compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

36. The apparatus of claim 28, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

37. A method comprising:

sliding at least one bead onto a rod having a hook portion,

hooking a section of filamentous material over the hook portion,

withdrawing the rod to draw the filamentous material through the at least one bead, and

threading the at least one bead onto the filamentous material.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein withdrawing the rod is completed by pulling a trigger coupled to the rod.

39. The method of claim 37, wherein withdrawing the rod is completed by closing a switch coupled to a motor.

40. The method of claim 37, wherein sliding at least one bead onto the rod is completed by using a quick bead loading device.